



Joint Information Center - JIC Release No. 483

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Results: 13 New Cases of COVID-19; Vaccine and Antiviral Prioritization Policy Committee Meeting

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Thirteen (13) new cases of COVID-19 were identified out of 627 tests performed on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. Four (4) cases were identified through contact tracing. One (1) case reported recent travel and was identified in quarantine.

To date, there have been a total of **7,039** officially reported cases of COVID-19 with **113** deaths, **594** cases in active isolation and **6,332** not in active isolation.

TODAY'S CAR SCORE

1.5

The COVID Risk Area (CAR) Score accounts for the incidence of new cases, how well current testing identifies these cases, and the rate of spread. Given the recent surges, Guam's first step has been to achieve a sustained CAR Score of 5.0 and below. The ideal long-term goal is to sustain a CAR Score of 2.5 or less, which has been shown to correlate with very low to zero COVID-related hospitalizations and deaths. To learn more about the CAR Score, visit [Strive for Five](#).

The following tables provide COVID-19 test results reported to the Joint Information Center on Wednesday, December 9 and reflects results from Tuesday, December 8:

COVID-19 CASE COUNT	TOTAL	NEW CASES REPORTED TODAY	PAST 7 DAYS
COVID-19 CASES:	7,039	13	119
CONFIRMED CASES:	6,902	12	109
PROBABLE CASES:	137	1	10

COVID-19 TESTING ON GUAM	TOTAL	NEW TESTS REPORTED TODAY	7-DAY % POSITIVE
DIAGNOSTIC TESTS	92,497	627	8.5%
MOLECULAR TESTS	89,058	580	8.6%
ANTIGEN TEST	3,439	47	5.3%

SEROLOGY TESTS**314****4****24.2%****CASE BREAKDOWN**

STATUS	TOTAL	CURRENT ISOLATION LOCATION	TOTAL
COVID-19 Death	113	Hospital	37
Active Isolation	594	Home	499
Not In Isolation	6,332	Isolation Facility	49
Civilian	6,715	Military	9
Military Service Member	324		

COVID HOSPITAL CENSUS	Guam Memorial Hospital	Guam Regional Medical City	U.S. Naval Hospital	TOTAL
COVID ADMISSION	32	5	0	37
IN ICU	8	2	0	10
ON VENTILATOR	6	2	0	8

Vaccine and Antiviral Prioritization Policy Committee Meeting

The Vaccine and Antiviral Prioritization Policy Committee (VAPPC) will hold its first meeting this Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 2 p.m. in anticipation of the arrival of the first shipment of COVID-19 vaccines to Guam.

The VAPPC is comprised of 24 members from various healthcare-related organizations and fields within the community:

Office of the Governor	Designee	Dr. Luis G. Cruz
Physicians Advisory Group	Designee	Dr. Joleen M. Aguon*
DPHSS	Director	Arthur U. San Agustin, MHR
	Medical Director	Dr. Chris Dombrowski (Interim)
	Community Health Centers Medical Director	Dr. Emily Kaiser
	Chief Public Health Officer	Dr. Suzanne Kaneshiro
	Territorially Epidemiologist	Dr. Ann Pobutsky
	Bureau of Communicable Disease Control Administrator	Annette L. Aguon, MPA
	Immunization Program Supervisor	Michele Leon Guerrero (Acting)
	Immunization Program Medical Advisor	Dr. Robert Leon Guerrero*

DPHSS	Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program's Strategic National Stockpile Coordinator	Tricia Q. Shimizu, MPA, CM
	Health Professional Licensing Office Administrator	Zennia C. Pecina, MSN, RN
GMHA	Hospital Administrator	Lillian Perez-Posadas, RN
	Medical Director	Dr. Annie Bordallo
Community Physicians	<i>One representative from the following specialties:</i>	
	Internal Medicine	Dr. Janna Manglona
	Family Practice	Dr. Delores Lee
	Emergency Medicine	Dr. Frankie Mendiola
	Infectious Disease	Dr. Edgar M. Magcalas
	Critical Care	Dr. Joleen M. Aguon*
	Pediatrics	Dr. Robert Leon Guerrero*
Health Professional Licensing Boards	Guam Board of Medical Examiners Chairperson	Dr. Nathaniel Berg
	Guam Board of Nurse Examiners Chairperson	Bernadette S. Santos, MPA, BSN, RN
	Guam Board of Examiners for Pharmacy Chairperson	Thomas J. Caruso, BSP
	Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners Chairperson	Dr. Mamie Balajadia

*Serves dual role

The VAPPC will primarily be responsible for advising the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) on identifying critical population groups who will receive the first round of vaccines and other COVID-19 vaccine-related matters.

During its first meeting, the VAPPC will discuss the recommendations received from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, high risk groups, review current available information, and schedule its next meeting and other COVID-19 vaccine-related issues.

At the conclusion of the VAPPC meeting on Thursday, DPHSS will release information summarizing the topics discussed.

GBHWC Crisis Hotline

The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) has a Crisis Hotline that is available 24/7 at (671) 647-8833/4. For those feeling anxious, stressed, overwhelmed or are needing to talk to someone, GBHWC has experienced providers available and ready to assist the community with any heightened stress and anxiety experienced as a result of COVID-19.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit dphss.guam.gov or guamrecovery.com. For inquiries on COVID-19, contact 311 through a local number, or call the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.

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